

GP/2674

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

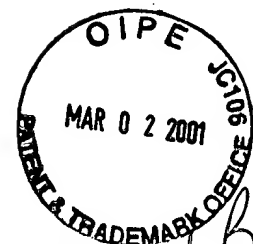
First Named  
Inventor : Hugh Mcloone

Appln. No.: 09/286739

Filed : April 06, 1999

For : COMPUTER INPUT DEVICE WITH  
DIGIT SUPPORT AND NATURAL  
POSITION ACTUATORS

Docket No.: M 61.12-0124



Group Art Unit: 2674

Examiner: Zamani, Ali

**AMENDMENT**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER IS BEING  
SENT BY U.S. MAIL, FIRST CLASS, TO THE  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, THIS

RECEIVED

MAR 07 2001

Technology Center 2600

26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 20 00.  
*Theodore M. M...*  
PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action  
mailed on December 21, 2000. Please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 23.

Please amend claims 7 and 18 as follows:

7. (Twice Amended) A mouse for a computer system, the mouse  
comprising:

a thumb gripping position located on a side of the  
mouse;

a primary button positioned so as to be capable of  
being actuated by a user's index finger when the  
user's thumb is located on the thumb gripping  
position; and

at least one side button positioned so that a gap

B1  
cont